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European Patent Application number 0 376 153 A2 discloses a fixed and pre-arranged housing for an umbrella inside a vehicle to prevent the umbrella from moving, thus creating a danger or wetting the car.

Japanese Patent Application number 56050812 discloses an umbrella container buried in car door.

Japanese Patent Application number 01317844A discloses a an umbrella storage case and conduit pipe to lead water outside a car through the gap of the lower part of the door.

Japanese Patent Application number 08072622 A discloses a space for storing a wet umbrella in the interior of the car safely and without getting the interior wet.

Japanese Patent Application number 10016651 A discloses an umbrella case that is installed on the inside of a motor vehicle door.

Japanese Patent Application number 2001063636 A discloses an umbrella storage case and opener in the hollow part of a side spoiler mounted on a side sill of the lower part of a motor vehicle.

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Japanese Patent Application number 2002087171 A discloses an umbrella storage structure that conducts, and/or stores water outside of the motor vehicle through a one-way outlet.

Japanese Patent Application number 2002104046 A discloses an umbrella containing device for a vehicle that allows convenient storage and access to the umbrella without wetting the vehicle.

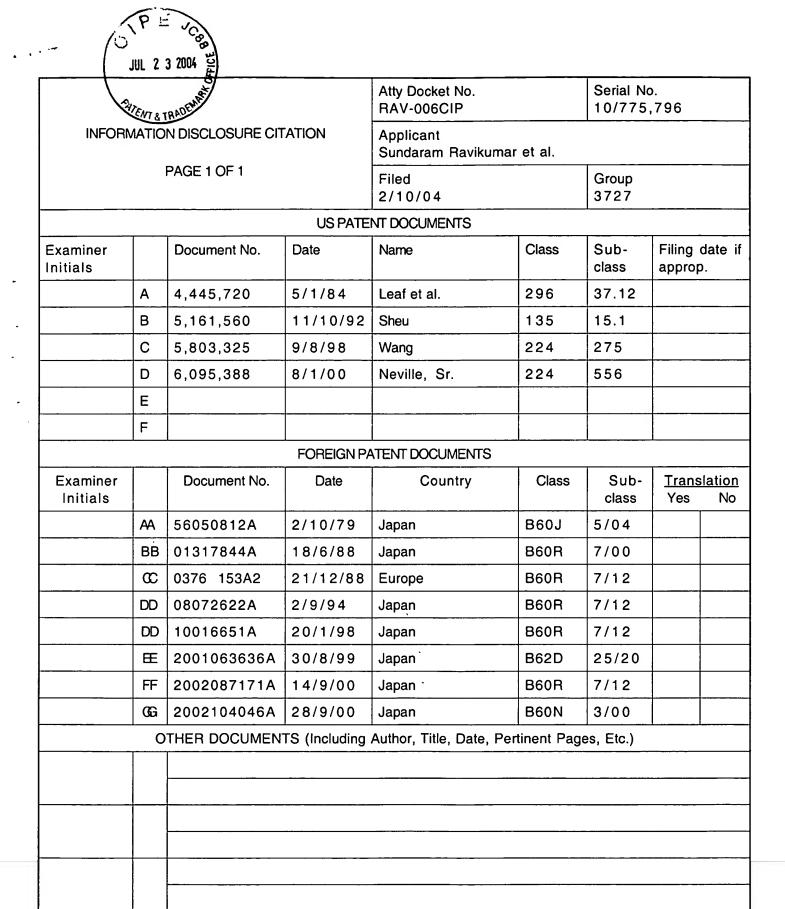
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